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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUB: PETROLEUM DISCUSSIONS

[REDACTED] OASIS HAD BEEN
GIVEN "FLEXIBILITY" TO INCREASE PRODUCTION TO
860 THOUSAND BBL'S PER DAY (UP FROM 763 THOUSAND FOR
THE MONTH OF JULY 1973.) [REDACTED]

2. PERSONNEL PROBLEMS REMAIN SERIOUS. DESPITE
COOPERATION FROM BOTH BOARD CHAIRMAN HAWISA AND
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OASIS POPULAR COMMITTEES, OASIS UNABLE OBTAIN WORK PERMITS FOR NEEDED EXPATRIATE TECHNICAL STAFF. FIFTY-FIVE OASIS FAMILIES HAVE DEPARTED SINCE BEGINNING 1973. AN ADDITIONAL 20 TO 25 ARE EXPECTED TO LEAVE PRIOR TO END OF YEAR. [REDACTED] UNLESS

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WORK PERMIT PROBLEM SOLVED WITHIN 60 TO 90 DAYS.

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[REDACTED] UNABLE TO PERFORM MORE THAN 45 TO 50 PER CENT OF CURRENT PRODUCTION. ON POSITIVE SIDE, OASIS POPULAR COMMITTEE CAUSING NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS. LIBYAN EMPLOYEES ARE EXPECTED TO VOTE SOON TO COMBINE THE COMPANY'S FIVE COMPANIES INTO ONE. THIS SHOULD ENABLE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COMPANY TO WORK OUT MOST--IF NOT ALL--PROBLEMS THESE REPRESENTATIVES ARE LIKELY TO RAISE. [REDACTED] THEY WILL START GETTING WORK PERMITS FOR NEW EXPATRIATE PERSONNEL.

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3. MOST URGENT PROBLEM

ARE NOW CHOCK FULL OF SHELL OIL WHICH [REDACTED] CANNOT SHIP. SHELL STILL OWNS ONE SIXTH OF EVERY BARREL OF OASIS OIL PRODUCED, REPEAT PRODUCED. SEPT 11 MUNTASSER VISITED OASIS HEADQUARTERS--IN ITSELF A MOST UNUSUAL STEP--APPARENTLY IN GREAT AGITATION THAT SOON EVERY SIXTH BARREL OF OIL THAT OASIS EXPORTS, REPEAT EXPORTS, COULD BE ATTACHED BY SHELL AS HOT OIL. JOSIF

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